

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-6 and 22-34 are pending. Claims 1, 5, 25, 30, 31 are amended. Claim 6 is canceled. The following is a claim listing showing the claim status:

1. (Currently Amended) A catalyst comprising:
a porous substrate having an average pore size of from 1 μm to 1000 μm ; and
disposed over the porous substrate, a zirconia-supported, alkali-metal-modified,
ruthenium catalyst;
the catalyst being characterizable by a test in which the catalyst is placed in a reaction chamber and contacted with a reactant gas mixture containing 8% CO, 7% CO₂, 38% H₂, and 47% H₂O, at a contact time of 25 ms and a temperature of 420 °C, resulting in greater than 70% CO conversion and at least 80% CO₂ selectivity.
2. (Previously Presented) The catalyst of claim 1 made by steps comprising: co-impregnating zirconia with solution containing Ru and K, calcining, and reducing.
3. (Original) The catalyst of claim 1 comprising 0.1 to 10wt% Ru and 0.1 to 10wt% K.
4. (Original) The catalyst of claim 1 comprising a large pore support wherein at least 20% of the catalyst's pore volume is composed of pores in the diameter size range of 0.1 to 300 microns.
5. (Currently Amended) ~~The catalyst of claim 4~~ A catalyst comprising:
a porous substrate having an average pore size of from 1 μm to 1000 μm ; and
disposed over the porous substrate, a zirconia-supported, alkali-metal-modified,

ruthenium catalyst;

the catalyst being characterizable by a test in which the catalyst is placed in a reaction chamber and contacted with a reactant gas mixture containing 8% CO, 7% CO₂, 38% H₂, and 47% H₂O, at a contact time of 50 ms and a temperature of 325 °C, resulting in greater than 70% CO conversion and at least 80% CO₂ selectivity.

6. (Canceled)

7-21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously Presented) The catalyst of claim 1 wherein the porous substrate comprises FeCrAlY.

23. (Previously Presented) The catalyst of claim 1 comprising 0.2 to 3 wt% Ru and 0.1 to 10wt% K.

24. (Previously Presented) The catalyst of claim 23 comprising 0.5 to 3 wt% K.

25. (Currently Amended) A catalyst comprising:
a porous substrate having an average pore size of from 1 μm to 1000 μm; and
disposed over the porous substrate, a zirconia-supported, alkali-metal-modified, ruthenium
catalyst comprising 0.2 to 3 wt% Ru and 0.1 to 10wt% K, and further wherein the
~~The catalyst of claim 23 comprising~~ ZrO₂ ~~has with~~ a BET surface area greater than 10 m²/g.

26. (Previously Presented) The catalyst of claim 1 having a pore volume of 30 to 95%.
27. (Previously Presented) The catalyst of claim 23 wherein at least 20% of the catalyst's pore volume pore volume is composed of pores in the size range of 0.1 to 300 microns.
28. (Previously Presented) The catalyst of claim 1 wherein at least 20% of the catalyst's pore volume is composed of pores in the size range of 1 to 100 microns.
29. (Previously Presented) The catalyst of claim 3 wherein at least 50% of the catalyst's pore volume is composed of pores in the size range of 0.3 to 200 microns.
30. (Currently Amended) The catalyst of claim ~~4~~5 characterizable by a test in which the catalyst is placed in a reaction chamber and contacted with a reactant gas mixture containing 8% CO, 7% CO₂, 38% H₂, and 47% H₂O, at a contact time of 50 ms and a temperature of 325 °C, resulting 70 to 85% CO conversion and 80-95% CO₂ selectivity.
31. (Currently Amended) The catalyst of claim ~~3~~5 characterizable by a test in which the catalyst is placed in a reaction chamber and contacted with a reactant gas mixture containing 8% CO, 7% CO₂, 38% H₂, and 47% H₂O, at a contact time of 25 ms and a temperature of 420 °C, resulting in 70 to 85% CO conversion and at least 80% CO₂ selectivity.
32. (Previously Presented) The catalyst of claim 1 wherein the porous substrate comprises a felt.

33. (Previously Presented) The catalyst of claim 27 characterizable by a test in which the catalyst is placed in a reaction chamber and contacted with a reactant gas mixture containing 8% CO, 7% CO₂, 38% H₂, and 47% H₂O, at a contact time of 50 ms and a temperature of 325 °C, resulting 70 to 85% CO conversion and 80-95% CO₂ selectivity.

34. (Previously Presented) The catalyst of claim 29 characterizable by a test in which the catalyst is placed in a reaction chamber and contacted with a reactant gas mixture containing 8% CO, 7% CO₂, 38% H₂, and 47% H₂O, at a contact time of 25 ms and a temperature of 420 °C, resulting in 70 to 85% CO conversion and at least 85% CO₂ selectivity.